

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
December 19, 2014

The City of Clewiston City Commission and Staff
Wish Everyone a Joyous Holiday Season

Congratulations to the City's Outstanding Employees of the Year: Napoleon Key, Lee Marvin, Demetrius Scruggs, and Anne Vaughn. The Director of the Year was Ava Barrett.

Dates to Remember:

December 25 & 26, 2014 City Christmas Holidays

City offices will be closed, but residential garbage will be picked up on Friday, December 26.

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Reese reports:

- Boost Mobile will be relocating from 514 East Sugarland Hwy. to 528 East Sugarland Hwy. (Rawl's Real Estate) in the near future.
- Clewiston Transmission & Repair Shop is moving into 517 East Sugarland Hwy., most recently occupied by Pig In, Pig Out.
- The new replacement mobile home located at 601 Sabal Avenue has passed inspection. Skirting will be installed in the next few days.
- The Fire Department responded to a structure fire on 12/12/14 at 528 Comercio. It was an occupied doublewide mobile home. The residents were home at the time, discovering smoke in kitchen. All were safely evacuated without injury. The cause of the fire was determined to be faulty wiring in an unused living room receptacle.
- Thanks to Ridgill & Son, Inc. for expeditiously clearing the property at 709 Ponce de Leon before the holiday.

Golf Course Operations Director report

- In the Gators vs the World event, the Gators retained the Sugar Cup for the third year in a row with its 24-21 victory over the World this past weekend. This continues to be one of our most popular events with players traveling from as far away as Okeechobee and Immokalee.
- A Christmas holiday scramble is scheduled for this Friday, December 19, and the men's City Championship is scheduled for Saturday, December 27. Please call the Pro Shop if you are interested in playing in either event.
- With the retirement of Pro Shop Clerk Barbara Hughes, we welcome a new Pro Shop Clerk, Jeremy Ulrich. We also welcome Nick Gutshall as a temporary Bag Room Attendant.

- The greens were spiked in two directions and also a foliar application of fertilizer was applied.
- An irrigation leak under a cart path was repaired on #5 this week.
- Golf cart batteries and other repairs continue.

Library Director Barrett reports:

- On January, 12, 2015, the Microsoft Academy Excel classes will begin. Interested persons need to contact the Library about signing up for this class. It will be offered in the evenings Monday and Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m..
- The furniture in the children's room of the library will be replaced by more child friendly pieces. The current furnishings are now up for grabs by any City department on a first come first served basis.
- Bring your children to the library to enjoy state-of-the-art technology such as the Leap Pad3 for Leapfrog, as well as the AWE award winning computers dedicated to helping your children succeed in school.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- Officer Garcia discovered a burglary in progress Sunday night. His alert action led to the arrest of a suspect and recovery of a 4 wheeler ATV.
- Officer Nieves captured a grand theft suspect in possession of two large screen TV's. The merchandise was returned to the victim. Suspect transported to Hendry County Jail.
- Officer Buffy McLeod assisted a family by rescuing their housecat from a tree.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:

1033	Commercial / Residential Security Checks
552	Complaints Investigated
6	Arrests Made
6	Traffic Citations Issued
17	Traffic Warnings Issued
23	City Ordinance / Code Violations
77	Merchant Escorts Provided
14	Alarms Responded To
2	Traffic Accidents Investigated

Public Works Director Scheffler reports:

- Cool weather has helped keep the mosquito populations down. Scheduled spray missions are still in effect.
- Staff planted a Bottle Brush Tree on Dean Duff this week. The concrete under the new guard rail at the boat basin was poured this week.
- Basilian Crescent sidewalk project started this week. MOT is in place and excavation is almost complete.
- Twenty four (24) new 36" STOP signs were ordered this week and will be installed where needed. A new post will set them at DOT sign height specifications.

Recreation Director Ramer reports:

- The Clewiston Recreation Department hosted a Sr. Citizen “Field Trip” to the Dolly Hands Cultural Arts Center in Belle Glade to attend the American Big Band – “Home for the Holidays” Spectacular on Thursday December 18th. A GREAT time was had by all that took advantage of the opportunity. We intend on hosting quarterly “Field Trips” and seminars for the seniors for their enjoyment and social interaction.
- Clewiston Recreation and East Hendry County Recreations “Inaugural” K-6 Basketball League began last weekend. Games will take place on Tuesday nights from 6:00 -7:30 p.m. for K-2nd grade and Thursday night 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. for 3rd - 6th grade and on Saturday’s for all ages between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at the Harlem Gym. Check our Fb page and website for specific team game times and team information.
- The Recreation, Utilities and the Public Works Departments worked together and shared resources and man-power to complete the “guardrail/signage project” at the Clewiston Boat Basin.
- The ball field crew will begin aerating all the baseball/softball game fields this week.
- Infield clay was ordered last week and will be spread and placed in all the baseball/softball fields as soon as it arrives and the aeration is complete.
- The scoreboard and posts on field #8 have been moved to the new fence line and new electrical and data conduit and wiring has been installed by the Utilities Dept. The scoreboard façade has been taken to Jim Weiss to be repaired, repainted and get a facelift, the scorebox has been taken to Pittman Electric to check and replace lamps (as needed), check all connections/relays and cleaning.
- Registrations are open for the upcoming 2015 Clewiston Recreation baseball & softball seasons. Uniforms are also available to try-on at the Youth Center. You can register on-line at www.clewistonrecreation.com or call 983-1492 for assistance.
- Clewiston Recreation is excited to offer ZUMBA at the Youth Center on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings beginning at 7:30 p.m. Contact Tanya (our Certified Instructor) directly at (914) 338-6577 for more information or contact Joanna at the Youth Center 983-1492. Go to www.clewistonrecreation.com to check us out and get information regarding all your recreational needs.

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- A contractor placing signs on the ROW damaged a 12 inch water main on W. C. Owen. The contractor did not call in for locates.
- Electric crew relocated the score board for the girl’s high school softball field.
- Electric crew is repairing street lights at the Harlem Gym and also repairing street lights at the Harlem parks.
- Electric crew will be changing out the red light cabinet on Olympia & Sugarland Hwy.
- The water crew will have to remove a tree at 730 Royal Palm Ave. to be able to repair a water leak.
- Water crew will be replacing fire hydrant on W. C. Owen & Ridgeview.
- Please remember to register with CodeRed (Reverse 911). This system allows us to contact you in case of an emergency or with other informational announcements. You may register by clicking on the CodeRed link at the bottom of the City’s website page www.clewiston-fl.gov. You may update your information at anytime through the same link.